

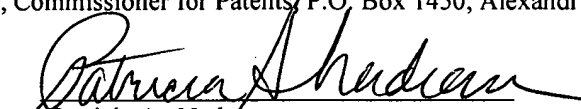
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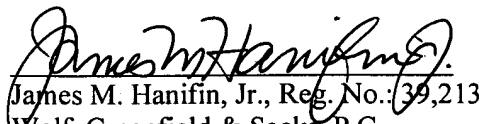
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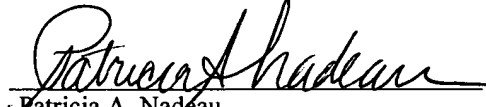
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

**PART II: Information Cited**

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed results of the International Search Report dated January 27, 2005 for corresponding International Application PCT/EP2004/008499.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08):

The relevance of non-English reference EP 1246052 as determined by the International Searching Authority is listed in the enclosed International Search Report (mailed February 4, 2005). The relevance of this reference may also be gleaned from the enclosed English-language abstract, obtained from the esp@cenet database, and the drawings provided with the reference.

The relevance of non-English reference WO 00/08531 may be gleaned from the English-language abstract and drawings provided with the reference.

The relevance of non-English reference DE 10013666 may be gleaned from the enclosed English-language abstract, obtained from the esp@cenet database, and the drawings provided with the reference.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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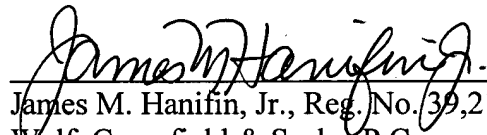
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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		WO	00/08531		Cherry GmbH	02-17-2000	Abstract
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		DE	10013666		Fresenius Medical Care Deutschland	03-20-2000	Abstract

#### OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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